

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2885)
Florida Street
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CP

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Location: Florida Street, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621980.4947540
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1957

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Family Support Center provided a wide variety of services to military members who were serving on Strategic Air Command (SAC) alert and their families. The personnel assigned to the SAC Alert Facility were often restricted to the facility for extended periods of time, and that area was off-limits to family members. Accordingly, the Family Support Center provided a place for SAC alert members to spend time with their families, while remaining on alert status. The building included space for reception, administration, counseling, waiting rooms, storage, and restrooms.

Project Information: Building No. 2885 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Family Support Center (Building No. 2885)

Layout

Building No. 2885 is a 6,376 square-foot, single story, concrete block building. It originally had a flat roof; the present end-gabled roof is believed to have been added circa 1985. The building is L-shaped in plan, and built atop a concrete slab foundation. The main section of the building measures 71'-4" x 55'-0"; the offset portion measures 50'-6" x 40'-0". The north façade has had several window openings partially filled in and replaced with smaller, awning style units. The interior of the building was not inspected.

Building No. 2885 is similar in plan, elevation and construction to Buildings No. 2736, 2739, 2786, 2833, and 2884.

Alterations/Additions

Other than the window replacements and the gabled roof addition, there have been no other additions or alterations to Building No. 2885

Function

Building No. 2885 was originally used as a base warehouse facility. Later, it served as a miscellaneous recreation facility. It was last used as a Family Support center for the Crew Readiness Facility, where military personnel could visit family members while on alert status.

Significance

Building No. 2885 at Plattsburgh AFB was designed to accommodate a variety of uses and functions as needed in support of the SAC Cold War mission. Toward that end, it proved to be an adaptable building type.

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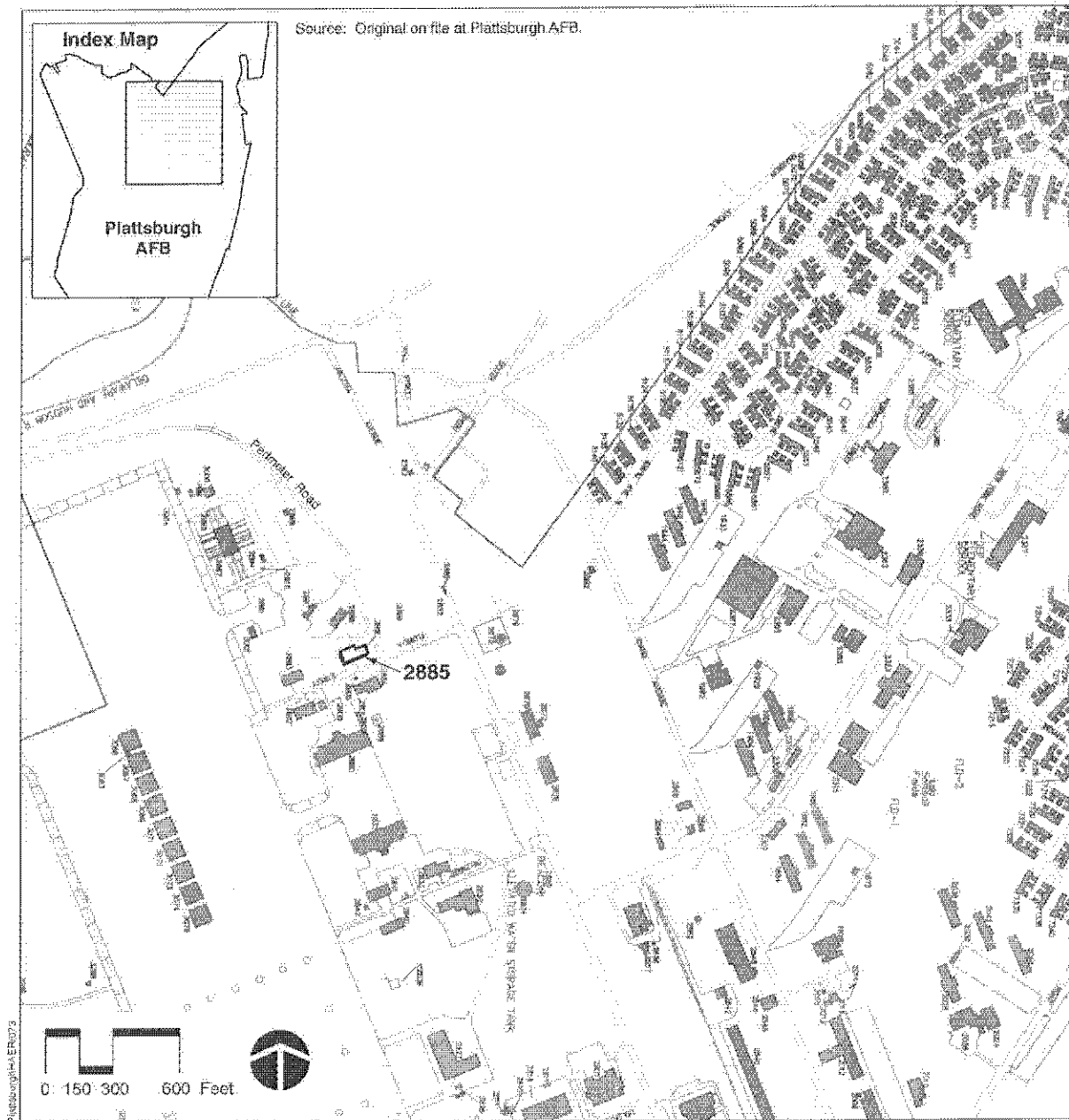
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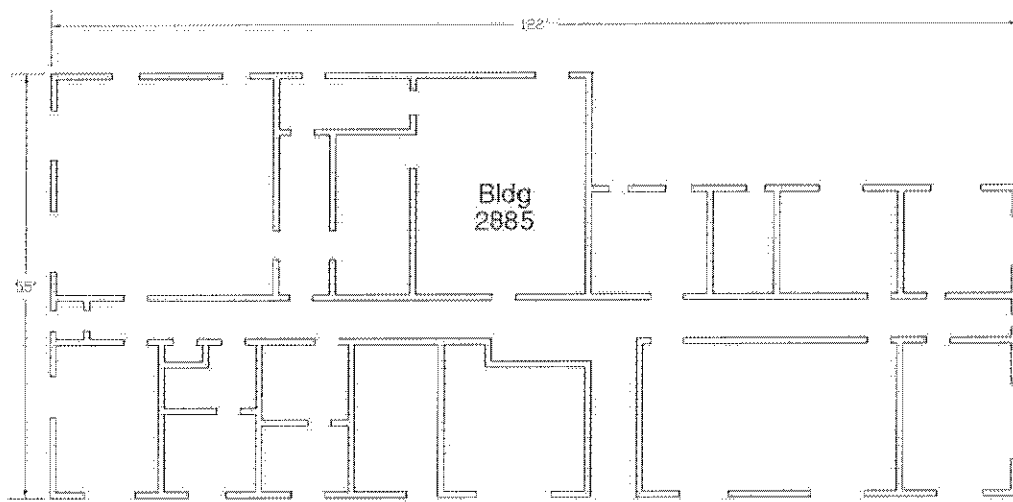
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Sketch not to Scale

SKETCH PLAN—FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2885)
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